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AGRICULTURAL MECHANISATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of States covered by the training and testing activities of the Farm Machinery Training and Testing Institute in the country;

(b) whether the process has been initiated for creation of Roll Over Protective Structure and Emission Test Facilities to each of the States; and

(c) the progress made so far in formation of agricultural mechanization in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a): Farm Machinery Training and Testing Institutes are located at Budni in Madhya Pradesh, Hissar in Haryana, Garladinne in Andhra Pradesh and at Biswanath Chariali in Assam. The facilities of training for the benefit of the farmers, technicians, rural youth etc. and testing of machines at these Institutes can be availed of by interested persons residing in any part of the country.

(b): Action has been initiated for setting up of test facilities for Roll Over Protective Structures and for emissions at the Farm Machinery Training and Testing Institute, at Budni, since this is the only Institute in the country which undertakes testing of tractors at present.

(c): There has been considerable progress in agricultural mechanization in the country during the past few decades. This progress may be seen from the increase in farm power availability from about 0.295 KW/hectare in 1971-72 to about 1.231 KW/hectare during the current year.